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OF MEETINGS

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1. THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE REFERENCED MEETING ARE BEING REPORTED IN TWO SEPARATE CABLES, ONE COVERING THE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMODITY MEETINGS AND THE OTHER, THE NATURE OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE AHIC IN JULY.
2. DISCUSSIONS ON THE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS WERE FAIRLY ROUTINE. THE SCHEDULE LEFT MOST OF THE MONTH OF

MAY OPEN DUE TO A LACK OF SPACE BECAUSE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND PROVISION FOR THE RUBBER WORKSHOP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NO SPECIFIC DATES WERE SET FOR THE COMMON FUND RESUMPTION BUT THE SECRETARIAT HAS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR THE WEEKS OF JUNE 12 THROUGH 23, SHOULD THEY BE REQUIRED. THE COMMODITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THOSE TWO WEEKS, NAMELY COTTON AND COPPER, MIGHT HAVE TO BE RE-SCHEDULED SHOULD THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED. ALL DATES BEYOND AUGUST ARE STILL CONSIDERED TO BE TENTATIVE EXCEPT THE RUBBER NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

3. USDEL, FOLLOWING REFTTEL A LANGUAGE, STATED THAT US ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER VEGETABLE OILS PREPARATORY MEETING WAS TENTATIVE AND THAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9-13 SHOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN JULY DEPENDING UPON WHETHER ANY NEW APPROACHES TO VEGETABLE OILS WERE FORTHCOMING. G-77 AND OTHER DELS CONCURRED IN REVIEWING STATUS IN JULY. USDEL ALSO SUGGESTED TO SECRETARIAT THAT MEETINGS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 18-29 SEPTEMBER ON HARD FIBRES, TEA AND BANANAS BE RE-SCHEDULED SO THAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS DO NOT ALL OVERLAP. USDEL ALSO SUCCEEDED IN GETTING APPROVAL TO INSERT FOOTNOTE INTO SCHEDULE INDICATING THAT THE TWO CONSUMER MEETINGS ON RUBBER WERE RELATED TO PRODUCER-CONSUMER DECISION TO HOLD A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE. WHILE SECRETARIAT INDICATED INITIALLY THAT DATES IN LATE 1978 WERE BEING HELD OPEN FOR A POSSIBLE RENEGOTIATION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COCOA AGREEMENT, THE RUBBER NEGOTIATIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR THAT PERIOD (NOVEMBER 15 TO DECEMBER 8) INSTEAD AND NO MENTION WAS MADE OF POSSIBLE DATES FOR RENEGOTIATION ON COCOA.

4. ONLY CONTROVERSY ON SCHEDULING THAT SURFACED WAS VOCAL INTERVENTION BY PERU, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA REGARDING THEIR RESERVATIONS ON PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COPPER. G-77 STATEMENT WHICH TRACKED QUITE CLOSELY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER APPARENTLY DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH FOR THESE COUNTRIES IN EXPRESSING THEIR VIEW THAT PRODUCER-CONSUMER FORUM ON COPPER SHOULD BE WITHIN UNCTAD WITH MAIN OBJECTIVE TO PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATION OF COPPER STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. FINAL TEXT OF AHIC REPORT WAS A MUCH Milder VERSION OF THESE INTERVENTIONS WHICH SECRETARIAT STAFF WORKED OUT WITH PERU TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT BUT PERU MADE IT QUITE CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT IT INTENDS TO FIGHT THIS QUESTION VERY HARD IN THE FIRST WORKING GROUP ON COPPER. NORWAY SUPPORTED THE PERUVIAN INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPROMISE IN GROUP B MEETINGS.

5. DATES WHICH WERE FIXED ARE: JUTE WG (10-14 APRIL),
COPPER WG (17-21 APRIL), IRON ORE IGE (24-28 APRIL),
COPPER WG (22-26 MAY), COTTON PREP (12-16 JUNE), RUBBER
CONSUMERS (12-16 JUNE), COPPER PREP (19-23 JUNE), PHOS-
PHATES PREP (26-30 JUNE), RUBBER CONSUMERS (3-7 JULY),
AHIC (10-14 JULY), TEA IGE (17-21 JULY), JUTE PREP (24-28
JULY), TROPICAL TIMBER PREP (31 JULY-4 AUG.) RUBBER
PRE CONF (28 AUG-8 SEPTEMBER) AND RUBBER NEG. CONF.
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